



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2015 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 9, 2015**  
**Schedule 19**

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED *February 6, 2015***

### **SB 407     Senator Brochin, et al**

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMITS**

Requiring the Secretary of the State Police to issue a specified handgun permit within 120 days under specified circumstances; requiring the Secretary to notify, in writing, each applicant for a permit of the decision to approve or deny a permit within 120 days after receipt of the application; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 5-306 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

### **SB 408     Senator Muse, et al**

#### **REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – INTEREST ON SECURITY DEPOSITS**

Altering the calculation of the interest rate paid on a security deposit under a residential lease or a mobile home park rental agreement; altering the requirements for a customized calculator that the Department of Housing and Community Development is required to maintain on its Web site; applying the Act to any interest accruing on a security deposit under a residential lease or mobile home park rental agreement on or after January 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

RP, §§ 8-203(e), (h), and (k) and 8A-1001(f) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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**SB 409**     **Senator Montgomery, et al****PROTECT OUR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES ACT**

Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from issuing a permit to authorize the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or production of natural gas in the State until April 30, 2023, and until a specified panel is appointed, convenes on or after January 1, 2022, and reports to the Governor and General Assembly on January 1, 2023; requiring the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates to appoint a specified number of members to the panel in accordance with specified requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EN, § 14-107.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 410**     **Senator Gladden****BALTIMORE CITY – VEHICLE LAWS – TRAFFIC SAFETY**

Adding Baltimore City to the list of local authorities that under specified circumstances may impose restrictions on vehicles passing over a bridge or culvert under the jurisdictions of the local authorities without the approval of the State Highway Administration; and authorizing a Baltimore City special traffic enforcement officer to issue a citation for specified violations of the Maryland Vehicle Law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 24-206(b) and PLL of Balt City, Art. 4, § 16-16C(e) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 411**     **Senator Gladden****CRIMES – ELDER ABUSE OR NEGLECT – INCREASED PENALTIES**

Increasing from 10 years to 20 years the maximum imprisonment and from \$10,000 to \$20,000 the maximum fine for the crime of causing abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult in the first degree; and increasing from 5 years to 10 years the maximum imprisonment and from \$5,000 to \$10,000 the maximum fine for the crime of causing abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult in the second degree.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, §§ 3-604(c) and 3-605(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 412 Senator Gladden****CRIMES – ELDER ABUSE OR NEGLECT – RESTRICTIONS ON PRETRIAL RELEASE**

Prohibiting a District Court commissioner from authorizing the pretrial release of a defendant charged with causing abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult in the first or second degree; providing that a judge may authorize the pretrial release of the defendant on specified conditions; requiring the judge to order the continued detention of the defendant if neither suitable bail nor other conditions will reasonably ensure that the defendant will not flee or pose a danger to a specified person or the community before trial; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, § 5-202(h) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 413 Senator Gladden, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – RACE-BASED TRAFFIC STOPS – POLICY AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring that specified law enforcement officers record specified information pertaining to traffic stops; requiring specified law enforcement agencies to report specified information to the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center; requiring the Police Training Commission to develop a specified format and guidelines and a standardized format for the reporting of specified data; requiring the Police Training Commission to develop a specified model policy; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TR, § 25-113 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 414 Senator Gladden, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – SEGREGATED CONFINEMENT – REPORT**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to make an annual report on segregated confinement to the Governor on or before November 1 of each year; requiring specified information be included in the report; defining specified terms; and making provisions of the Act severable.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CS, §§ 2-601 and 2-602 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 415**     **Senator Kagan, et al****STATE DONOR REGISTRY – METHODS OF REGISTRATION – CLERKS OF CIRCUIT COURTS, REGISTERS OF WILLS, AND MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION (ENHANCING ORGAN DONATION RATES ACT)**

Requiring the clerks of the circuit courts and registers of wills to provide a method by which specified individuals can register with the State donor registry for a specified purpose; requiring, under specified circumstances, the clerks of the circuit courts and the registers of wills to transfer specified information received by the clerks of the circuit courts or registers of wills to the State donor registry; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 2-214 and ET, § 2-213 - added and ET, § 4-516 and TR, § 12-303 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 416**     **Senator Kagan, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – MANDATED BENEFITS – IN VITRO FERTILIZATION AND ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION PROCEDURES**

Prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from excluding benefits for expenses arising from artificial insemination procedures performed on a married policyholder or subscriber or on the dependent spouse of a policyholder or subscriber; requiring benefits to be provided when the patient and the patient's spouse are of the same sex; altering the guidelines and standards to which medical facilities performing specified covered procedures must conform; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 15-810 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 417 Senator Lee****MARYLAND TRUST ACT – REVOCABLE TRUSTS – CREDITORS’ CLAIMS – LIMITATIONS**

Providing that, under specified circumstances, property of a specified trust is not subject to, and a trustee and beneficiaries of that trust may not be held liable for, specified claims of creditors of the settlor; providing that the publication of specified notice by the trustee in a specified manner shall afford the trust property, the trustee, and the beneficiaries specified protections under specified provisions of law barring specified claims after a specified period of time; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ET, § 14.5-508 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 418 Senator Lee****ESTATES – MODIFIED ADMINISTRATION – FINAL REPORT AND DISTRIBUTION – EXTENSION**

Authorizing, under specified circumstances, a register of wills to extend the time periods for filing a final report and for making distribution of an estate in a modified administration of the estate for an additional specified period on the filing of a specified request; requiring a request for the extension to be signed by the personal representative and consented to by each interested person; requiring the request to be delivered to the register of wills no later than a specified date; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ET, § 5-703 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 419 Senator Lee****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – MARYLAND TRUST ACT – INCAPACITY**

Defining “incapacitated” and “incapacity” for purposes of the Maryland Trust Act; and clarifying that a revocable trust does not become irrevocable if the settlor loses the capacity to create a will.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ET, § 14.5-103(k) and (l) - added and § 14.5-601 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 420     Senator Lee****ESTATES – MODIFIED ADMINISTRATION – PAYMENT OF FUNERAL EXPENSES WITHOUT COURT APPROVAL**

Providing that an allowance by the court for a personal representative to pay funeral expenses is not required if the estate is solvent, under modified administration, and the personal representative includes the expenses on a specified final report.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ET, § 8-106(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 421     Senator Nathan–Pulliam****STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – AUTHORITY – EXEMPTIONS**

Altering specified exemptions from the authority of the State Board of Dental Examiners; providing that the Board's authority does not apply to specified clinics, government agencies, or nonprofit organizations; repealing the exemption from the Board's authority of specified groups under specified circumstances; requiring specified dental employees of specified government agencies or nonprofit organizations to be under the authority of the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, § 4-102 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 422     Senator Rosapepe****GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – SOUTH ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY**

Requiring the Governor to proclaim annually October 2 as South Asian American Heritage Day; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and cultural organizations to properly observe South Asian American Heritage Day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

GP, § 7-411 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 423 Senator Rosapepe****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – TOWNE CENTRE AT LAUREL – CLASS A LICENSE**

Increasing the maximum number of specified Class A alcoholic beverages licenses in Prince George's County; and authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to convert a specified Class B–DD alcoholic beverages license to be a specified Class A alcoholic beverages license to be issued to an establishment located within the Towne Centre at Laurel.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 9-217(b)(11) and (f)(7)(iv) - amended and § 9-217(o) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 424 Senator Lee, et al****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK**

Altering a specified provision of law concerning equal pay for equal work to prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender identity; prohibiting an employer from discriminating between employees in any occupation by providing less favorable employment opportunities based on sex or gender identity; prohibiting an employer from taking any adverse employment action against an employee concerning the disclosure or discussion of an employee's wages; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LE, §§ 3-304, 3-306, and 3-307 - amended and § 3-304.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 425 Senator Lee****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WAGE DISCLOSURE AND DISCUSSION PROTECTION**

Prohibiting an employer from taking any adverse employment action against an employee concerning an inquiry about or disclosure or discussion of an employee's wages; authorizing an employer, in a specified policy, to establish specified limitations on specified inquiries about or discussions or disclosures of wages; providing that, under specified circumstances, the failure of an employee to adhere to specified limitations shall be an affirmative defense against specified claims; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LE, §§ 3-1301 through 3-1306 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 426 Senator Madaleno****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WAIVER OF LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

Authorizing the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners, on the affirmative vote of at least four of the five members, to waive specified registered voter, taxpayer, and residency requirements for specified applicants for specified alcoholic beverages licenses; and requiring the Board to obtain specified criminal records of an applicant for an alcoholic beverages license from a specified local police department under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 9-101(a)(2)(i), (b)(1), and (c)(1) and 10-103(b)(4) and (13)(iv) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 427 Senator Lee, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS OF CRIME – NOTIFICATION REGARDING DNA PROFILE**

Requiring a specified law enforcement agency or unit, under specified circumstances, to give a specified victim or victims' representative timely notice as to specified matters relating to a DNA profile of a specified alleged perpetrator or perpetrators; requiring the State Board of Victim Services to develop pamphlets to notify victims and victims' representatives of how to request information regarding an unsolved case; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, §§ 11-104 and 11-914 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 428 Senator Lee****MARYLAND TRUST ACT – REVOCABLE TRUSTS – PARTIAL REVOCATION BY DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT**

Providing for the revocation of specified terms of a revocable trust on the absolute divorce of the settlor and the settlor's spouse or the annulment of their marriage occurring after the creation of the settlor's revocable trust, except under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ET, § 14.5-604 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings



**SB 429**     **Senator Klausmeier****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – MARYLAND FIDUCIARY ACCESS TO DIGITAL ASSETS ACT**

Establishing the Maryland Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act; authorizing specified fiduciaries to access specified digital assets under specified circumstances; authorizing a fiduciary to take specified actions concerning an asset under specified circumstances; providing that, for specified purposes, a fiduciary has the lawful consent of an account holder for the custodian to divulge the content of an electronic communication to the fiduciary and is, for the purpose of specified computer-related laws, an authorized user; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ET, §§ 15-601 through 15-613 - added and §§ 17-202 and 17-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 430**     **Senator Klausmeier****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER BENEFITS – PARITY**

Providing that specified provisions of law apply to mental health and substance use disorder benefits provided by the Maryland Medical Assistance Program or administered by an administrative services organization; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to use the standards used to determine compliance with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act in determining compliance with a specified provision of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 15-103(b)(21) and (22) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 431 Senator Klausmeier****PUBLIC HEALTH – DENTAL SERVICES FOR ADULTS – COVERAGE AND ACCESS**

Requiring, beginning July 1, 2016, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide dental services to postpartum women during a specified period; requiring that specified dental services for postpartum women be included as a benefit under a specified program under the Program; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in conjunction with specified entities, to work with stakeholders to identify specified options for expanding access to dental services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xi) and (xii) and (b)(2)(v) - amended and § 15-103(a)(2)(xiii) - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 432 Senator Peters****EMPLOYEES' AND TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEMS – COMBINATION OF SERVICE – CLARIFICATION**

Clarifying the manner in which a member of the Employees' Pension System or Teachers' Pension System may combine specified prior eligibility service with the member's current service; making conforming changes; and clarifying that a member who combines specified prior eligibility service with the member's current service has no further rights to a specified rate of benefit accrual.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SP, § 23-303.1 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 433 Senator Peters, et al****FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND CREMATORIES – UNCLAIMED CREMAINS OF VETERANS – DISPOSITION**

Requiring licensed funeral establishments or holders of permits for the business of operating a crematory in the possession of unclaimed cremated human remains for 90 days or more to provide specified identifying information to the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs or specified veterans service organizations for a specified determination; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BR, § 5-803 and CJ, § 5-642 - added and HO, § 7-406 - amended

Assigned to: Finance and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 434 Senator Astle****COMMERCIAL INSURANCE AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
INSURANCE – NOTICE OF PREMIUM INCREASE**

Authorizing a specified notice required under specified circumstances when an insurer seeks to increase the renewal policy premium for policies of commercial or workers' compensation insurance to be delivered by electronic means; providing that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, an insurer shall be considered to have met a specified notice requirement and is not required to deliver a specified notice required by specified provisions of law if the insurer has taken specified actions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 27-608 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 435 Senator Astle****HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR LOSS CAUSED BY  
WATER DAMAGE**

Requiring insurers that issue, sell, or deliver policies of homeowner's insurance to make available, rather than to offer in writing to provide at specified times, coverage for loss that is caused by specified water damage under specified circumstances; requiring the coverage to be made available in the amount of at least \$5,000; authorizing insurers that make specified coverage available to offer specified other coverage in a specified amount, notwithstanding any other law or regulation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 19-202 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 436 Senator Astle****MARYLAND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER – PRIOR APPROVAL  
RATE MAKING – EXEMPTIONS**

Exempting from the prior approval rate making process specified kinds of insurance and specified types of insurance coverage.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 11-202 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 437 Senator Middleton****NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS – HEARING AND ORDER –  
IMPACT OF LAW OR REGULATORY ACTION BY ANOTHER STATE**

Requiring, instead of authorizing, the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to hold a hearing relating to the impact of a law of another state on a nonprofit health service plan operating in this State; authorizing the Commissioner to conduct an examination instead of holding a hearing; adding a regulatory action by another state to the circumstances that require the Commissioner to hold a hearing or conduct an examination to review and evaluate the impact of the law or regulation on the nonprofit health service plan in this State; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

IN, § 14-124 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 438 Senator Middleton****ENVIRONMENT – WELL DRILLING – NOTICE TO MUNICIPALITIES**

Repealing the requirement that a well driller, when applying for a permit to drill a well, notify a municipality under specified circumstances; requiring the Department of the Environment to notify a municipality of an application for a permit to drill a well under specified circumstances; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

EN, § 9-1307 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 439 Senator McFadden (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)****BALTIMORE CITY – TAX SALES**

Requiring the tax collector in Baltimore City to withhold property from a tax sale when the taxes on the property are under \$500; altering the time at which a holder of a certificate of sale may file to foreclose a right of redemption in Baltimore City; altering the time at which a notice of intent to foreclose the right of redemption on property in Baltimore City may be sent; authorizing an owner of property in Baltimore City to request the holder of a certificate of sale to provide specified information; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TP, §§ 14-811, 14-833, 14-843, 14-844, and 14-849.1 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 440 Senator Pinsky****EDUCATION – EXPENDITURES OF REVENUES – REPORTING BY COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION**

Requiring all expenditures of revenues in the major budget categories to be reported by a county board of education to the State Department of Education at both the school level and the local education agency level.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ED, § 5-105(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 441 Senator Hershey****MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION – ANNUAL REPORT – GRANTS**

Requiring that a specified annual report made by the Maryland Energy Administration to the Governor and General Assembly include a detailed accounting of all amounts received by and disbursed from the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund, including the amount and recipient of each grant awarded by the Administration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SG, § 9-20B-12 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 442 Senator Eckardt****EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM – DORCHESTER COUNTY SANITARY COMMISSION – ELIGIBLE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT**

Adding the Dorchester County Sanitary Commission as an eligible governmental unit in the Employees' Pension System; and providing that specified individuals are subject to the alternate contributory pension benefit in the Employees' Pension System in the same manner as specified other individuals.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SP, §§ 23-221, 31-102, and 31-116.2 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 443**     **Senators Norman and Jennings****HARFORD COUNTY – CHARITABLE GAMING**

Creating in Harford County a permit to be issued by the Sheriff of Harford County that authorizes specified nonprofit organizations to conduct a gaming contest, an event that involves a card game, a dice game, or roulette; specifying requirements that organizations must meet to be issued a permit; limiting to four the number of gaming contests an organization may hold in a calendar year; stating the location and hours for conducting a gaming contest; specifying that the maximum bet a single individual may place on a game is \$10; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

CR, § 13-1512 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 444**     **Senator Ready****PUBLIC RECORDS – INSPECTION**

Clarifying that an official custodian is required to designate types of public records of the governmental unit that are to be made available and to maintain a current list of the types of public records that have been designated as available to any applicant immediately on request; repealing the prohibition against a specified applicant obtaining a copy of a judgment until a specified time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

GP, §§ 4-201 and 4-205 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 445**     **Senator Ready****ETHICS COMMISSION, JUDICIAL ETHICS COMMITTEE, AND JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE – DUTIES**

Providing that the Judicial Ethics Committee rather than the Commission on Judicial Disabilities shall administer and implement specified provisions of law that apply to State officials of the Judicial Branch; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

GP, §§ 5-104 and 5-819 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 446 Senator Ready****STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS –  
STAFF – DESIGNATION AND DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, instead of the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors, to employ specified staff; authorizing the Secretary to designate one of the staff as executive director; requiring the executive director to manage specified staff and perform specified administrative functions; and prohibiting the executive director from directly conducting specified investigations or inspections.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HO, § 7-204(d) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 447 Senator Ready, et al****SALES AND USE TAX – TAX-FREE PERIODS – HUNTING AND  
SPORTING GOODS**

Establishing a sales and use tax exemption period for the 7-day period from the third Sunday in April through the following Saturday for hunting and sporting goods shopping in Maryland during which the sales and use tax does not apply to the sale of firearms, fishing supplies, and hunting supplies if the taxable price of the item is less than \$1,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 11-232 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 448 Senator Kelley, et al****CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS – STANDARDS AND PROCESS**

Adding a new article to the Maryland Constitution to govern congressional districts; requiring congressional districts to conform to specified standards and that due regard be given to specified boundaries; requiring the Governor to prepare a congressional district plan following each decennial census of the United States and after public hearings; requiring the Governor to present the plan to the presiding officers of the General Assembly; etc.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Art. XX, §§ 1 and 2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 449 Senator Conway****STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – PHYSICIANS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, AND ALLIED HEALTH PRACTITIONERS – LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring specified criminal history records checks for physicians, physician assistants, respiratory care practitioners, radiation oncology/therapy, medical radiation, and nuclear medicine technologists, polysomnographic technologists, athletic trainers, perfusionists, and naturopathic practitioners; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HO, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 450 Senator Guzzone****HEALTH INSURANCE – EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT CLAIMS FORMS – METHODS FOR SUBMISSION**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to permit an insured, a subscriber, or a member to submit a claim for reimbursement for specified expenses by first-class mail and by facsimile transmission or through a Web site; requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide a specified notice and instructions on how to submit a claim by facsimile transmission or through a secure Web site; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 15-1011 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 451 Senator Guzzone****VEHICLE LAWS – TITLE FEES – RENTAL VEHICLES**

Making permanent a \$50 fee for a certificate of title for a rental vehicle; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, on application by an owner of a rental vehicle titled during a specified period of time, to refund a specified amount of the title fee collected from the owner; and stating the intent of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TR, § 13-802 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings



**SB 452     Senator Guzzone****DRIVERS' LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS – NOTATION OF ALLERGY OR MEDICAL CONDITION**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to include a notation indicating a specified allergy or medical condition on the driver's license or identification card of an applicant who provides specified evidence of the allergy or medical condition to the Administration; requiring that an application for a driver's license or an identification card contain a specified statement; establishing specified requirements for the addition and removal of the notation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 12-303.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 453     Senators Guzzone and Middleton****PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS – PERFORMANCE SECURITY – REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the requirement that a public-private partnership agreement include, under specified circumstances, a specified provision regarding performance and payment security to require that requirements for performance security for construction contracts be in accordance with specified provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SF, § 10A-401(a)(12) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 454     Senator Waugh, et al****HANDGUN PERMITS – RECIPROCITY**

Specifying that a permit to carry a handgun, including a concealed handgun, issued to an individual by another state is valid in Maryland.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 5-303.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 455     Senator Mathias, et al****EDUCATION – BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR – AFTER LABOR DAY**

Prohibiting public schools and publicly funded prekindergarten programs from opening for pupil attendance prior to the day after Labor Day.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 7-103 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 456     Senators Zirkin and Raskin****CRIMINAL LAW – MARIJUANA AND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA – MEDICAL NECESSITY**

Requiring a court to dismiss a specified possession of marijuana charge if the court finds that the person used or possessed marijuana because of medical necessity; requiring a court to dismiss a specified possession of drug paraphernalia charge related to marijuana if the court finds that the person possessed the drug paraphernalia related to marijuana because of medical necessity; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, §§ 5-601 and 5-619 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 457     Senator Zirkin****LIABILITY INSURANCE – RESERVATION OF RIGHTS FOR FAILURE TO COOPERATE – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting an insurer from disclaiming coverage under a policy of liability insurance on the ground that the insured or a specified person has breached the policy by failing to cooperate with the insurer or by not giving the insurer required notice.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 19-110 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 458     Senators Zirkin and Raskin****CIVIL ACTIONS – HYDRAULIC FRACTURING LIABILITY ACT**

Providing that a specified permittee is strictly liable for any injury, death, or loss to person or property caused by the hydraulic fracturing activities of the permittee; establishing a specified rebuttable presumption in an action brought by a plaintiff who resides within a specified presumptive impact area; providing that specified permittees shall be presumed to be jointly and severally liable for any injury, death, or loss to person or property alleged by a specified plaintiff, under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, §§ 3-2101 through 3-2107 - added and EN, § 14-111(a)(6) and (7) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 459 Senator Feldman****CORPORATIONS AND REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS –  
DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES – DUTIES AND IMMUNITY FROM  
LIABILITY**

Clarifying the duties of a director of a corporation and that the director must act in good faith, in a manner the director reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the corporation, and with the care that an ordinarily prudent person in a similar position would use under similar circumstances; clarifying that a director who acts in accordance with a specified provision of law shall have specified immunity from liability; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CA, §§ 2-401(a), 2-405.1, and 8-601.1 and CJ, § 5-417 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 460 Senators Feldman and Klausmeier****PUBLIC UTILITIES – ELECTRICITY – CONSTRUCTION OF  
OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINES**

Altering the scope of persons who may apply to begin construction of a new overhead transmission line for electricity under specified circumstances to include a person rather than only an electric company; and prohibiting the Public Service Commission from authorizing, and prohibiting a person from undertaking, the construction of a new overhead transmission line that is within a specified distance of a public airport runway.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PU, § 7-207 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 461 Senators Feldman and Hershey****INSURANCE – SURPLUS LINES – DISABILITY INSURANCE**

Authorizing the use of surplus lines insurance for disability insurance coverage under specified circumstances; providing that the procurement of specified disability insurance through surplus lines insurance is subject to specified requirements; providing that the Act applies to all policies and contracts of surplus lines insurance for disability insurance issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 3-302 - amended and § 3-306.2 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 462     Senator Feldman****VEHICLE LAWS – MECHANICAL REPAIR CONTRACTS – DEFINITION AND REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the definition of “mechanical repair contract” for purposes of specified provisions of law establishing requirements for mechanical repair contracts and persons who sell or offer them; establishing that an agreement or contract sold by the person obligated under the agreement or contract may be a mechanical repair contract; prohibiting specified persons who sell mechanical repair contracts from making specified false, deceptive, or misleading statements; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 15-311.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 463     Senator Pinsky, et al****AGRICULTURE – CATTLE, SWINE, AND POULTRY – USE OF ANTIMICROBIAL DRUGS**

Prohibiting a person from engaging in the nontherapeutic use of medically important antimicrobial drugs in specified cattle, swine, and poultry on or after October 1, 2016; requiring a specified farm operation to submit specified information under specified circumstances to the Department of Agriculture on or before October 1 each year, beginning on or before October 1, 2017; authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to impose a specified penalty; providing for the application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

AG, §§ 3-1001 through 3-1005 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 464     Senator Klausmeier, et al****WORKERS’ COMPENSATION ACT – FRIVOLOUS PROCEEDINGS – REQUIRED FINDING**

Requiring, for the purpose of assessing specified costs under a specified provision of law, the Workers’ Compensation Commission to find under specified circumstances that a person has brought a proceeding under the Workers’ Compensation Act without any reasonable ground.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LE, § 9-734 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 465     Senators Klausmeier and Middleton****CHESAPEAKE EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE COMPANY AND INJURED WORKERS' INSURANCE FUND ADVISORY BOARD**

Authorizing the Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company to take specified actions relating to a subsidiary for specified purposes subject to specified requirements and under specified circumstances; establishing the Advisory Board for the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund; providing for the membership and terms of the Advisory Board; requiring the Board, to the extent practicable, to reflect the geographic and demographic diversity of the State; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

IN, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed and LE, § 10-101 - amended and § 10-105.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 466     Senators Klausmeier and Jennings****BALTIMORE COUNTY – EDUCATION – JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS INSTRUCTORS**

Applying to Baltimore County a definition of “public school employee” that includes Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) instructors for the purpose of specified provisions of law related to organizations of certificated employees.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 6-401(e) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 467     Senator Klausmeier, et al****DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Newborn Screening Program Fund; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to administer the Fund; providing for the uses, purposes, sources of funding, investment of money, and auditing of the Fund; providing that the Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund; requiring the Secretary to pay specified fees to the Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to distribute the specified fees to the Newborn Screening Program Fund; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

HG, §§ 13-111(f) and 13-113 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 468 Senator Madaleno****CIVIL RIGHT TO COUNSEL – IMPLEMENTATION**

Requiring the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals to certify to the Governor for inclusion without revision in each State budget a specified appropriation to provide legal representation to income–eligible parties in protective order proceedings; establishing a Judicare Pilot Program to provide legal representation to income–eligible parents in contested custody and visitation proceedings in specified jurisdictions; providing for funding for the pilot program; establishing a workgroup to monitor implementation; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

FL, §§ 4-512.2 and 9-109 and CJ, § 13-103 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 469 Senator Madaleno, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – MARYLAND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM**

Altering the name of the Maryland Mental Health Crisis Response System to the Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System; requiring the Crisis Response System to evaluate the outcomes of services through the annual collection of data on behavioral health calls received by police, attempted and completed suicides, unnecessary hospitalizations, hospital diversions, arrests and detentions and diversions of arrests and detentions of individuals with behavioral health diagnoses; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, §§ 10-1401 through 10-1405 and 19-303(a)(3) - amended and Chapter 371 of the Acts of 2002, § 2 - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 470 Senator Nathan–Pulliam****AGRICULTURE – ANTIBIOTIC DRUG USAGE – FOOD–PRODUCING ANIMALS**

Prohibiting a person from administering an antibiotic drug to a food–producing animal in the absence of any clinical sign of disease and without a prescription from a licensed veterinarian; requiring the State Department of Agriculture to establish by regulation a specified program; requiring regulations adopted by the Department to include specified provisions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

AG, § 3-1001 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 471 Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al****TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE TO UNINSURED MARYLANDERS**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Provision of Health Care Coverage to Uninsured Marylanders; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; establishing the purpose of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit a final report on its recommendations and findings to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before January 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 472 Senator Zirkin****FAMILY LAW – GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE – MUTUAL CONSENT**

Authorizing a court to decree an absolute divorce on the grounds of mutual consent if the parties have executed a written settlement agreement that resolves specified contested issues between the parties; and requiring the parties to jointly file a specified complaint and include a specified affidavit with the complaint in order to initiate proceedings for an absolute divorce on the grounds of mutual consent.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, § 7-103 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 473     Senators Jennings and Brochin****BALTIMORE COUNTY – VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, AND AMBULANCE COMPANIES – FUNDING ALLOCATION**

Requiring that in Baltimore County, a specified allocation of money from the Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund shall be determined by a two-thirds vote of specified individuals.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

PS, § 8-103(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 474     Senator Ramirez****CIVIL JURY TRIALS – AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY**

Increasing, from more than \$15,000 to more than \$30,000, the amount in controversy in civil proceedings in which the right to a jury trial may be limited by legislation; and submitting the constitutional amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Declaration of Rights, Art. 5(a) and 23 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 475     Senator Ramirez****COURTS – CIVIL JURY TRIALS – AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY**

Increasing from \$15,000 to \$30,000 the maximum amount in controversy in a civil action in which a party may not demand a jury trial; providing for the construction and application of the Act; and making the Act contingent on the passage and ratification of a specified constitutional amendment.

**CONTINGENT**

CJ, § 4-402(e)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 476     Senator Ramirez, et al****DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES – JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION – FEASIBILITY OF REPEAL OF EXCLUDED OFFENSES**

Requiring, by December 1, 2015, the Department of Juvenile Services to prepare and submit to the General Assembly a specified assessment of the feasibility of repealing specified provisions of law relating to offenses excluded from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings



**SB 477**     **Senator Ramirez, et al****DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF**

Altering, for specified purposes relating to domestic violence, the definition of “person eligible for relief” to include an individual who has had a sexual relationship with the respondent.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, § 4-501(m) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 478**     **Senator Ramirez, et al****GENERAL ASSEMBLY – FISCAL NOTES – CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
POLICY IMPACT STATEMENTS**

Requiring a fiscal note for a bill to include a criminal justice policy impact statement if the bill creates a criminal offense, significantly alters the elements of an existing criminal offense, alters the penalties applicable to a criminal offense, or changes existing sentencing, parole, or probation procedures; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to prepare the criminal justice policy impact statement by requesting information from specified entities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SG, § 2-1505(e) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 479**     **Senator Ramirez, et al****CIVIL ACTIONS – NONECONOMIC DAMAGES – CATASTROPHIC  
INJURY**

Altering the maximum amount of noneconomic damages that may be recovered in health care malpractice and other civil actions for a catastrophic injury under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, §§ 3-2A-09(a) and (b) and 11-108 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 480 Senator Ramirez, et al****COMMISSION ON RENTAL HOUSING STABILIZATION**

Establishing the Commission on Rental Housing Stabilization; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving specified compensation; requiring the Commission to investigate strategies for stabilizing rental housing conditions in the State, evaluate the experiences of different groups of tenants in the State, including senior citizens, military personnel, minorities, disabled persons, families, and tenants from different economic backgrounds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 481 Senator Ramirez, et al****ELECTRICITY – COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM PROGRAM**

Establishing a Program on community solar energy generating systems under the authority of the Public Service Commission; providing for the structure and operation of the Program, including the generation of electricity and allocation of costs to system subscribers; authorizing an electric company to submit a petition to own and operate a community solar energy generating system to the Commission; authorizing the Commission to approve a petition if the Commission makes a specified determination; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PU, § 7-306.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 482 Senator Ramirez, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – BODY–WORN CAMERAS**

Requiring a law enforcement officer to activate both the audio and visual recording capabilities of a body–worn camera under specified circumstances; requiring a specified camera to continue recording until a specified event; providing that the camera may not record an individual engaged in specified activities, with exceptions; providing that a recording made under specified circumstances may not be used to identify specified persons; providing specified requirements for recording on private property under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 3-510 and CJ, § 10-402(c)(11) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 483 Senator Simonaire****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – BENEFIT CORPORATIONS AND BENEFIT LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES**

Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County or of a municipal corporation in Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on specified property owned or leased by a benefit corporation or benefit limited liability company; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TP, § 9-303(b)(5) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 484 Senator Simonaire****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT**

Requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to develop and operate a specified Web site that includes specified information about specified payments; specifying the parameters of the Web site; requiring the Board to post the required payment data in a timely manner; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 5-119 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 485 Senator Simonaire****ALTERNATE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION SELECTION – RETURN TO EMPLOYMENT**

Allowing an individual to resume participation in the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection in the Employees' Pension System or Teachers' Pension System if the individual has been separated from employment for more than 4 years, has accrued, by June 30, 2011, the minimum amount of eligibility service needed to be eligible for a vested allowance, and, by June 30, 2016, has returned to employment in a position included in the Employees' Pension System or Teachers' Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SP, § 23-215.1 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 486 Senator Simonaire****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – REFERENCES IN OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS (PUBLIC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROTECTION ACT)**

Prohibiting the proper name of specified official school holidays from being removed, renamed, or prohibited from being referenced in any official publication of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education or public school under the jurisdiction of the board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 7-103.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 487 Senator King, et al****FAMILY CHILD CARE – REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPANTS IN MARYLAND CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM**

Requiring a family child care home that participates in the Maryland Child Care Subsidy Program to register with the State Department of Education and comply with specified regulations concerning registration; and altering a specified definition of “family child care provider”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, §§ 5-552 and 5-595 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 488 Senator King, et al****INCOME TAX CREDIT – QUALIFIED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES – CREDIT AMOUNTS**

Increasing the maximum total amount of research and development tax credits that the Department of Business and Economic Development may approve in a calendar year from \$9,000,000 to \$10,000,000; and applying the Act to tax credits certified after December 15, 2014.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 10-721(c) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 489**     **Senator King, et al****EDUCATION – SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM – DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION**

Requiring the State Board of Education and specified nonpublic schools to develop and implement an age-appropriate education program addressing sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 7-437 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 490**     **Senator King, et al****CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS WITH SIGNIFICANT ENROLLMENT GROWTH OR RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS**

Establishing the Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms; requiring the Interagency Committee on Public School Construction to implement and administer the Program; specifying requirements for grants awarded under the Program; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2016, to provide \$20,000,000 in the State budget for the Program each fiscal year; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

ED, § 5-313 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 491**     **Senator King, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – CORNERSTONE MONTGOMERY AND INTERFAITH WORKS PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$350,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Cornerstone Montgomery, Inc. and the Board of Directors of the Interfaith Works, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the #2 Taft Court facility, and for the relocation of Cornerstone Montgomery and Interfaith Works facilities, located in Montgomery County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 492 Senator King, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY –  
CORNERSTONE MONTGOMERY AND INTERFAITH WORKS  
PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in specified years not to exceed \$350,000 each year, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Cornerstone Montgomery, Inc. and the Board of Directors of the Interfaith Works, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of #2 Taft Court facility and for the relocation of Cornerstone Montgomery and Interfaith Works facilities, located in Montgomery County; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 493 Senator King, et al****TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE PLACEMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICES  
WITHIN THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Placement of Library Services Within the Annotated Code of Maryland; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 494 Senator King, et al****HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – NEIGHBORHOOD  
AND COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TAX CREDIT –  
MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTIONS**

Increasing from \$3,500,000 to \$6,000,000 the maximum sum of contributions for specified projects under the Neighborhood and Community Assistance Program that are eligible for a specified tax credit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HS, § 6-405 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 495 Senator Conway, et al****VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITIES – TABLE GAMES – DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS**

Altering from 80 to 70% the portion that a video lottery operation licensee shall retain of the table game proceeds at a video lottery facility; altering the percent of the proceeds at a video lottery facility that the Comptroller shall pay to the Education Trust Fund; and providing for the effective dates of the Act.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

SG, § 9-1A-27(d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 496 Senator Rosapepe, et al****MARYLAND COLLEGE EDUCATION EXPORT ACT OF 2015**

Authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to enter into the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement; and exempting specified institutions that participate in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement from the requirement to register with the Commission if they enroll Maryland students in a fully online distance education program in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, §§ 11-105(m) and 11-202.2(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 497 Senator Pinsky, et al****COMMISSION TO REVIEW MARYLAND’S USE OF ASSESSMENTS AND TESTING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Establishing the Commission to Review Maryland’s Use of Assessments and Testing in Public Schools; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Commission to survey, assess, review, and make recommendations regarding specified matters; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 498     Senator Montgomery, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – STATEWIDE ACCOUNTING OF SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE KITS**

Requiring a specified law enforcement agency or other State or local agency to conduct an inventory of specified sexual assault kit evidence on or before January 1, 2016; requiring a specified agency to prepare a report regarding untested sexual assault evidence collection kits on or before March 1, 2016; requiring the report to be submitted to the Attorney General; and requiring the Attorney General to prepare and submit to the General Assembly a specified report and specified recommendations on or before December 1, 2016.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 499     Senators Young and Hough****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SPECIAL CLASS C (RETIREMENT CENTER) LICENSE**

Establishing a special Class C (retirement center) on-sale beer, wine and liquor license in Frederick County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license by converting a specified license held on behalf of a retirement center; specifying that the retirement center license authorizes the holder to sell at retail beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption; authorizing an annual fee of \$1,500 for the license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 6-301(l)(10) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 500     Senators Young and Hough****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WINE EVENTS, LICENSING, ALCOHOL AWARENESS REQUIREMENTS, AND FINES**

Restricting the number of bottles of wine that may remain open at any one time at a wine sampling or tasting event in Frederick County to all bottles in a wine preservation system that the Board of License Commissioners approves and not more than six other bottles; altering the qualifications for signatories of a certificate accompanying a license application; providing for an alternative method for selecting signatories under specified circumstances; authorizing the Board to reduce a suspension under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 8-406.1, 10-103(b)(18), 13-101(c)(2), and 16-507(l) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs



**SB 501     Senators Young and Hough****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUNDAY PERMIT – HOURS OF SALE**

Authorizing a holder of a specified alcoholic beverages license in Frederick County who has been granted a Sunday opening permit to sell specified alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption, from a specified time requested by the holder and approved by the Board to a specified time the following day, at a specified event that the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners has approved; and making the Act an emergency measure.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

Art. 2B, § 11-511(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 502     Senators Young and Hough****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSES AND PROMOTER’S LICENSE**

Authorizing an applicant in Frederick County to purchase specified single-day or multiday alcoholic beverages licenses; specifying the licenses may be issued for a maximum of 50 days to a single applicant in a calendar year; providing for specified license fees; establishing a promoter’s license in the County; requiring a for-profit organization to obtain a promoter’s license from the Board of License Commissioners before the organization may conduct specified activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 7-101(b)(7) and (d)(8) - amended and § 7-102 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 503     Senators Young and Hough****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – NOTICE FOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS, FEES, AND INSPECTORS**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to fulfill a notice requirement for license applications by posting online a completed application with all submitted documents on or before a specified date; eliminating the fees for a specified certificate of permission and a specified license; repealing the requirement that the Governor appoint a full-time inspector; authorizing the Board to appoint a chief inspector and one full-time or two part-time inspectors; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 10-202(a)(1), 10-506(a), and 15-103 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 504 Senator Young, et al****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – NUTRITION STANDARDS – VENDING MACHINES AND MARKETING**

Requiring a county board of education to develop and implement a policy that requires that all foods and beverages sold from a vending machine in an area of a public school that is accessible to students at any time during the day comply with specified nutrition standards and a wellness policy; requiring a county board of education to develop and implement a policy that requires that all oral, written, and visual marketing on a public school campus for foods and beverages comply with specified nutrition standards and a wellness policy; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 7-423 - repealed and §§ 7-423 and 7-423.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 505 Senator Young, et al****PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – HEALTH AND SAFETY – SUGAR-FREE SCHOOLS ACT**

Requiring specified county boards to develop a specified plan on or before August 1, 2016, for reducing specified students' total sugar intake per school meal based on specified recommendations; requiring specified county boards to convene a specified workgroup to assist with the development of a specified plan; providing for the membership of a specified workgroup; requiring the workgroup to make specified recommendations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 7-437 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 506 Senator Young, et al****EDUCATION – HEALTH AND SAFETY – SCHOOL WELLNESS COMMITTEES**

Requiring each county board of education to establish a specified wellness committee to discuss issues relating to the physical, mental, and social health and well-being of students and make specified recommendations; providing for the membership of specified wellness committees; requiring each meeting of specified wellness committees to be open to the public and to provide opportunity for public comment; and authorizing each county board to adopt specified regulations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 7-437 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 507 Senator Manno, et al****MARYLAND STRONG MANUFACTURING DEVELOPMENT ACT**

Establishing the Manufacturing Development Zone Program to encourage business entities engaged in manufacturing outside the State to invest in manufacturing facilities within the State; authorizing specified political subdivisions to apply to have specified areas of the State designated as a manufacturing development zone; requiring a county or municipal corporation to grant a specified property tax credit; authorizing specified business entities to claim a specified credit against the State income tax; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

EC, § 5-102(10) & (11) - amended & EC, §§ 5-102(11) & 5-1501 through 5-1507, TP, §§ 9-103.2 & 9-110, TG, §§ 10-207(cc) & 10-737 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 508 Senator Hough, et al****CHILDREN – CHILD CARE FACILITIES, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS**

Prohibiting specified county boards of education and specified nonpublic schools from allowing specified individuals to hire or retain contractors and subcontractors who have been convicted of specified crimes; adding contractors and subcontractors who have specified access to specified children to the list of individuals required to obtain a criminal history records check; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, §§ 2-206.1 and 6-113 and FL, § 5-561(a) - amended and FL, § 5-561(a) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 509 Senator Hough, et al****NORTHEAST MARYLAND WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY – PURPOSE, APPOINTMENTS, AND COMPENSATION**

Altering the purpose of the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority; altering the appointment of the executive director and the general counsel for the Authority; requiring the Authority to recommend to the Governor compensation for the executive director and the general counsel; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

NR, §§ 3-902 and 3-903(c) - amended and § 3-904(h) and (l) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 510     Senators Hough and Young****FREDERICK COUNTY – GAMING EVENTS**

Authorizing specified organizations in Frederick County to conduct a card game, card tournament, or casino event under specified circumstances; requiring an organization to obtain a permit from the Frederick County Department of Permits and Inspections before conducting a card game, card tournament, or casino event; requiring an organization that seeks a permit to meet specified requirements; specifying that a card game, card tournament, or casino event may be managed and organized by specified organizations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 13-1304.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 511     Senator Hough, et al****WOMEN’S LATE–TERM PREGNANCY HEALTH ACT**

Providing that, except in the case of a medical emergency, an abortion may not be performed or induced or be attempted to be performed or induced unless a specified physician makes a specified determination; providing that, except in the case of a medical emergency, an individual may not knowingly perform or induce or attempt to perform or induce an abortion if the probable gestational age of an unborn child is a specified number of weeks; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, §§ 20-217 through 20-225 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 512     Senator Nathan–Pulliam****HEPATITIS C – OPPORTUNITY FOR TESTING AND FOLLOW–UP HEALTH CARE**

Requiring hospitals and specified health care practitioners who provide specified care in specified health care facilities to offer, to the extent practicable, specified individuals a hepatitis C screening test or a hepatitis C diagnostic test; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 18-1003 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 513     Senator Klausmeier****HOSPITALS – RATE-SETTING – PARTICIPATION IN 340B PROGRAM  
UNDER THE FEDERAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT**

Altering the definition of “hospital services” to include a specified hospital outpatient service of a specified hospital for the purpose of allowing the hospital outpatient service to continue to participate in the federal 340B Program under rates set by the State Health Services Cost Review Commission.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 19-201 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 514     Senator Klausmeier****HIGHER EDUCATION – NET PRICE CALCULATOR IMPROVEMENT  
ACT – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring each institution of higher education in the State to meet specified requirements for specified net price calculators on or before July 1, 2016; prohibiting specified institutions of higher education from allowing specified personally identifiable information provided to a specified net price calculator to be sold or otherwise made available to specified third parties; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 18-114 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 515     Senator Klausmeier****FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS –  
SAVINGS PROMOTION RAFFLES**

Altering the circumstances under which specified depository institutions may conduct a savings promotion raffle; repealing a requirement that a depository institution that offers a savings promotion raffle must post in specified locations and disclose in specified materials a specified statement describing the terms and conditions of the raffle; repealing a requirement that the Commissioner of Financial Regulation must approve a savings promotion raffle conducted by a banking institution; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

CL, § 13-305(a), CR, § 12-106(c), and FI, § 1-211 - amended and FI, § 6-716 - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 516**     **Senator Klausmeier, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – OVERDOSE RESPONSE PROGRAM**

Authorizing specified advanced practice nurses, in addition to specified nurse practitioners and pharmacists, to conduct specified overdose prevention educational training programs; altering the circumstances under which specified employees or volunteers may conduct the training programs; authorizing specified individuals to prescribe and dispense naloxone to specified certificate holders directly or under a specified standing order under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, §§ 13-3101, 13-3104, 13-3107, 13-3108, 13-3109 - amended and 13-3110 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 517**     **Senator Zirkin****CRIMINAL LAW – USE AND POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA AND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA**

Repealing the criminal prohibition on the use or possession of marijuana; establishing that specified civil penalties apply to the use or possession of any quantity of marijuana; establishing a civil penalty for the smoking of marijuana in a public place; requiring a court to dismiss a specified use or possession of marijuana charge if the court finds that the person used or possessed marijuana because of a specified medical necessity; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, §§ 5-601, 5-601.1, and 5-619 - amended and TR, §§ 21-903.1 and 27-116 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 518 Senator Pinsky****FAIR ELECTIONS ACT**

Reforming the system of public financing of campaigns for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor; establishing a Fair Elections Fund; providing for the contents and administration of the Fund; allocating specified fees and penalties that are assessed under the Election Law Article to the Fund; establishing the powers and duties of the State Board with respect to the administration of public campaign financing; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

EL, Various Sections - repealed, amended, and added, SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)25. - amended, and TG, §§ 2-115 and 10-208(v) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

**SB 519 Senator Pinsky****PUBLIC FUNDING AND SMALL DONOR ACT FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS**

Establishing a system of public financing of campaigns for specified General Assembly candidates; requiring the State Board of Elections to administer the system; requiring the Comptroller to credit to the Fair Campaign Financing Fund money collected under specified provisions of the Act and to distribute public contributions to the campaign finance entities of specified candidates; specifying procedures, requirements, and conditions participating candidates must meet to receive a distribution from the Fund; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015**

EL, § 15-106 - repealed, §§ 13-235 and 15-103 - amended, and §§ 15.5-101 through 15.5-118 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 520 Senator Lee, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – HUMAN TRAFFICKING – AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Providing that, in a prosecution for a specified charge relating to prostitution, it is an affirmative defense of duress if the defendant committed the act as a result of being a victim of an act of another committed in violation of the human trafficking law; and providing that a defendant intending on asserting the affirmative defense is required to provide the State's Attorney with a specified notice.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015**

CR, § 11-306 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 521**     **Senator Lee, et al****WORKGROUP TO STUDY SAFE HARBOR POLICY FOR YOUTH VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Establishing the Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking; specifying the purpose of the Workgroup; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; establishing the duties of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 522**     **Senator Mathias****VEHICLE LAWS – REGISTRATION – OUTSTANDING ARREST WARRANTS**

Requiring rather than authorizing State and local law enforcement agencies in the State to meet specified criteria relating to notifying the Motor Vehicle Administration of specified individuals named in outstanding warrants for purposes relating to a requirement that the Administration refuse to register or transfer specified individuals' registrations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 13-406.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 523**     **Senator Mathias****WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CRAFT DISTILLERY LICENSE**

Establishing a Class 9 craft distillery license in Worcester County; setting a license fee; providing that the State Comptroller issue the Class 9 license only to a holder of a Class D beer, wine and liquor license in the County for use on the premises for which the Class D license was issued; authorizing a holder of a Class 9 license to establish and operate a plant for distilling and bottling brandy, rum, whiskey, alcohol, and neutral spirits under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 2-201(a) - amended and § 2-202.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs



**SB 524 Senator Raskin, et al****FAMILY LAW – PROTECTING THE RESOURCES OF CHILDREN IN STATE CUSTODY**

Authorizing the Department of Human Resources to serve in a fiduciary capacity for children in its custody; requiring the Department, in any action, service, or decision on behalf of a child in its custody, to protect and serve the best interest of the child; prohibiting the Department from imposing a debt obligation on a child in its custody or taking any other action that requires the child to pay for the child's own care or custody; requiring the Department to take specified actions when serving as a representative payee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, § 5-527.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 525 Senator Raskin, et al****CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – FAILURE TO REPORT**

Requiring an agency that is participating in a child abuse or neglect investigation and that has reasonable grounds to believe that a person has failed to report child abuse as required under a specified provision of law to file a specified complaint with a specified board, agency, institution, or facility.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, § 5-705.3 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 526 Senator Raskin, et al****MARYLAND SECOND CHANCE ACT OF 2015**

Authorizing a person to petition the court to shield court records and police records relating to specified convictions at a specified time; providing that, if a person is convicted of a new crime during a specified time period, the original conviction is not eligible for shielding unless the new conviction becomes eligible for shielding; providing that a person is not eligible for shielding if the person is a defendant in a pending criminal proceeding; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, §§ 10-301 through 10-306 and GP, § 4-327 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 527     Senator Raskin****FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2015**

Providing that an employer is liable under specified circumstances in an action concerning a violation of specified provisions of employment discrimination and retaliation law based on quid pro quo harassment or the creation or continuation of harassment in a hostile work environment; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SG, § 20-610 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 528     Senator Raskin, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE**

Establishing a specified minimum amount of money that is subject to forfeiture in connection with a controlled dangerous substance violation; repealing a presumption that specified money or weapons are forfeitable; prohibiting a seizing authority or prosecuting authority from directly or indirectly transferring seized property to a federal law enforcement authority or agency, with a specified exception; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, §§ 12-102, 12-103(a), 12-301, and 12-312 - amended and §§ 12-211 and 13-601 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 529     Senator Raskin, et al****SPECIAL ELECTIONS FOR UNITED STATES SENATE VACANCIES ACT**

Altering the process for filling a vacancy in the office of United States Senator; repealing the authority of the Governor to make an appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator under specified circumstances; requiring the Governor to issue a proclamation to call for a special primary election and a special general election to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator under specified circumstances; specifying the dates when a special election to fill a vacancy is to be held; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EL, § 8-602 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 530 Senator Raskin, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FIREARMS – TRANSFER**

Requiring a court to inform a person convicted of a specified offense that the person is prohibited from possessing a firearm under specified provisions of law; providing that if a person commits a specified offense and the offense is a domestically related crime, the court shall order the person to transfer all firearms owned by the person or in the person's possession; providing for the procedure to transfer firearms; authorizing the disposal of a firearm under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, § 6-234 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 531 Senator Raskin, et al****MARIJUANA CONTROL AND REVENUE ACT OF 2015**

Repealing specified criminal and civil prohibitions against the use and possession of marijuana; establishing specified exemptions from prosecution for specified persons for using, obtaining, purchasing, transporting, or possessing marijuana under specified circumstances; establishing exemptions from prosecution for specified retailers, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana cultivation facilities, and safety compliance facilities under specified circumstances; establishing a specified affirmative defense; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, §§ 5-601(c) and 5-620(d)(2) - amended, § 5-601(d) - repealed, and CR, TG, and CJ, Various Sections - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation

**SB 532 Senator Madaleno, et al****FARMERS' RIGHTS ACT**

Establishing requirements for the form and content of specified livestock production contracts; requiring livestock production contracts to be reviewed by the Attorney General; establishing that contract producers have specified rights; prohibiting specified contractors from engaging in or allowing their employees or agents to engage in specified practices; establishing specified civil and criminal penalties for violation of the Act; providing for enforcement of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CL, §§ 24-101 through 24-902 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 533     Senator Madaleno, et al****BAY TAX EQUITY ACT**

Establishing a specified chicken manure pollution fee payable to the Comptroller by a specified poultry integrator in a specified manner; requiring the Comptroller to transfer revenue from the fee to the Maryland Agriculture Water Quality Cost Share Program in the Department of Agriculture for specified cover crop activities; repealing specified provisions of law requiring the Comptroller to disburse specified funds from the Bay Restoration Fund to be used for specified cover crop activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

AG, § 8-704.3 - added and EN, § 9-1605.2(h), (i)(2)(ii)3. and (ix), and (j)(6)(vi) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 534     Senator Madaleno, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – COLLEGE ADMISSIONS OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the College Admissions Outreach Program for High-Achieving Students; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the Maryland State Department of Education to jointly administer the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 18-303.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 535     Senator Madaleno, et al****COMMUNITY COLLEGES – TUITION WAIVER FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS – REQUIREMENTS**

Repealing the requirement that any student financial aid, other than a student loan, received by a specified disabled student must be applied first to pay the student's tuition prior to receiving an exemption from the payment of tuition at community colleges; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 16-106(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 536 Senator Conway****CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS – DEFINITIONS – ATTEST AND PRACTICE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY**

Altering the definitions of the terms “attest” and “practice certified public accountancy” as they relate to the Maryland Public Accountancy Act to include specified services and procedures performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BOP, § 2-101(c) and (m) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 537 Senator Conway****PHARMACISTS – SUBSTITUTION AND DISPENSING – INTERCHANGEABLE BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS**

Authorizing a pharmacist to substitute an interchangeable biological product for specified prescribed products only under specified circumstances; requiring a pharmacist or a specified designee of a pharmacist to inform retail consumers of the availability of a interchangeable biological product and the approximate cost difference as compared to the brand name drug; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, §§ 12-101(c), (k), and (l) and 12-504.1 - added and § 12-504 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 538 Senators Conway and Middleton****BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN – INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS – ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY INSTRUCTION**

Requiring individualized education programs for blind or visually impaired children to provide orientation and mobility instruction under specified circumstances; requiring an orientation and mobility evaluation to be performed under specified circumstances; requiring orientation and mobility instruction be provided by a qualified individual; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 8-408 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 539 Senator Conway****PATIENT REFERRALS – ONCOLOGISTS – RADIATION THERAPY SERVICES AND NONDIAGNOSTIC COMPUTER TOMOGRAPHY SCAN SERVICES**

Altering the definition of “in-office ancillary services” to include specified oncology group practices or offices of oncologists that provide specified radiation therapy services or computer tomography services; providing that specified prohibitions on referrals do not apply to a referral by specified oncologists for specified radiation therapy services or computer tomography services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, § 1-301 - amended and § 1-302(f) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 540 Senator Astle****MUNICIPALITIES – PARKING AUTHORITIES**

Authorizing a municipality that is organized under Article XI-E of the Maryland Constitution to create a parking authority as a body politic and corporate as provided under the Parking Authorities Act; authorizing a municipality to authorize an authority to take specified actions; requiring a municipality to determine specified matters by local law in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale, delivery, and payment of specified revenue bonds as authorized under the Parking Authorities Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LG, §§ 18-103 through 18-109, 18-112, and 18-116 through 18-118 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 541 Senator McFadden (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)****BALTIMORE CITY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – SUPERMARKETS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the personal property tax imposed on personal property of a supermarket that completes specified construction and is located in or near a specified food desert; requiring the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to designate what constitutes a food desert for purposes of the tax credit; providing that the tax credit may not exceed a specified amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TP, § 9-304(h) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 542**     **Senator Lee, et al****MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COUNCIL – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Cybersecurity Council; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Council; prohibiting a member of the Council from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Council to work with specified entities to take specified actions related to cybersecurity; requiring the Council, beginning on July 1, 2017, and every 2 years thereafter, to submit a report on its activities to the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SG, § 9-2901 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 543**     **Senator Lee, et al****TASK FORCE ON PROCUREMENT AND CYBERSECURITY**

Establishing the Task Force on Procurement and Cybersecurity; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to conduct a study and make recommendations regarding specified law, policies, procedures, and best practices that should be adopted by the State; requiring the Task Force to submit its recommendations to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Finance and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 544**     **Senator Lee, et al****STATEWIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MASTER PLAN –  
INCLUSION OF CYBERSECURITY FRAMEWORK – REQUIREMENT**

Requiring that the statewide information technology master plan developed by the Secretary of Information Technology include a cybersecurity framework; and requiring that the Secretary consider materials developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology in developing or modifying the cybersecurity framework.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SF, § 3A-304 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 545 Senator Lee, et al****CRIMES – UNAUTHORIZED COMPUTER ACCESS FOR SABOTAGE – WATER**

Prohibiting a person from intentionally and willfully taking specified actions relating to unauthorized access to computer services with the intent to interrupt or impair the functioning of a service, device, or system related to the production, transmission, delivery, or storage of water in the State that is owned, operated, or controlled by a person other than a specified public service company; and providing penalties for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 7-302(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 546 Senator Klausmeier, et al****CIVIL ACTIONS – IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY – EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE FOR DRUG OVERDOSE**

Providing immunity from civil liability for a specified person administering medications or treatment in response to an apparent drug overdose if the person is trained and certified under specified protocols established by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; extending immunity under the Act to a corporation when its fire department personnel are immune under the Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 5-603 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 547 Senator Klausmeier, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – PASSING BICYCLES, PERSONAL MOBILITY DEVICES, OR MOTOR SCOOTERS**

Requiring that when overtaking a bicycle, an EPAMD, or a motor scooter, the driver of a vehicle is required to pass at a safe speed; and repealing a specified exception to a specified requirement that a driver overtake and pass a bicycle, an EPAMD, or a motor scooter in a specified manner that applies when a highway lacks sufficient width.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 21-1209 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings



**SB 548 Senator Lee****MARYLAND PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT – REVISIONS**

Requiring a specified business, when destroying a customer's records that contain specified personal or private information, to take specified steps to protect against unauthorized access to or use of the information; requiring a specified business that owns or licenses specified personal or private information of an individual residing in the State to implement and maintain specified security procedures and practices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CL, §§ 14-3501 through 14-3504, 14-3506, and 14-3507 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 549 Senator Lee****CRIMINAL LAW – IDENTITY FRAUD – NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL**

Repealing, for purposes of a provision of law prohibiting a person from knowingly, willfully, and with fraudulent intent, possessing, obtaining, or helping another to possess or obtain personal identifying information for specified purposes, a limitation that a specified benefit, credit, good, service, thing of value, health information, or health care be obtained or accessed in the name of an individual.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 8-301(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 550 Senator Lee****CHILD CUSTODY – LEGAL DECISION MAKING AND PARENTING TIME**

Repealing references to the terms “child custody” and “visitation” in specified instances and substituting the terms “legal decision making” and “parenting time” in specified instances; requiring the court, in determining the appropriate allocation of legal decision making or parenting time between the parties, to consider specified factors; authorizing the court to consider specified factors; specifying that specified factors are not relevant, except under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 551     Senator Rosapepe, et al****LAND USE – PLANS – DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION**

Authorizing the legislative body of a local jurisdiction to adopt, modify, or disapprove a specified plan or part of a plan, a plan for one or more geographic sections or divisions of the local jurisdiction, or an amendment or extension of or addition to the plan; requiring the legislative body to hold a public hearing before taking specified actions; requiring a planning commission to hold a public hearing before submitting a new recommended plan under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LU, §§ 3-204 and 3-205 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 552     Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)****LIFE INSURANCE – PAYMENT OF DEATH BENEFITS UNDER GROUP POLICIES**

Requiring an insurer that issues a policy of group life insurance under specified provisions of law to pay, to the beneficiary designated by an individual insured under a certificate issued under the policy, the certificate death benefit if the insurer accepts premiums for coverage of the insured after the insured's eligibility for coverage has terminated for specified reasons and the insured dies during a specified period of coverage.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 17-105 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 553     Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)****MOTOR CLUBS – SCOPE OF LAW – FEES**

Providing that specified entities are not regulated as motor clubs in the State; requiring specified information to be filed in the application for a motor club; providing for the contents of a motor club service contract; and prohibiting a person from representing that the person is licensed or authorized to provide motor club services unless the person holds a license issued by the Insurance Commissioner, with a specified exception.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, §§ 26-102, 26-203(c)(4), 26-206(c), and 26-402(b) - amended and § 26-501.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 554      Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**INSURANCE – REINSURERS – FEES**

Establishing a fee of \$1,000 that must be paid to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner for filing the annual statement by an unauthorized insurer applying for approval to become a certified reinsurer; correcting an obsolete reference; repealing an erroneous reference to an accepted insurer; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

IN, § 2-112(a)(8) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 555      Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**LIFE INSURANCE – CASH SURRENDER VALUES – SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS**

Providing that the effects on the basic cash value of supplemental life insurance, annuity benefits, or family coverage as described under specified provisions of law shall be the same as the effects on cash surrender values under those provisions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 16-312(d) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 556      Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**HEALTH INSURANCE – CONFORMITY WITH FEDERAL LAW**

Altering provisions relating to the provision of benefits for the diagnosis and treatment of a mental illness or an emotional, drug abuse, or alcohol abuse disorder to conform to the requirements of the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act; requiring specified insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to have procedures in place for individuals to request an expedited review of a request for coverage of a nonformulary drug or device based on an exigent circumstance; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

IN, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added and HG, § 19-703.1 - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 557 Senator Guzzone, et al****FOOD FISH AND SHELLFISH – LABELING AND IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (MARYLAND SEAFOOD AUTHENTICITY ACT)**

Prohibiting a person from selling or offering for sale within the State specified food fish or shellfish unless the person identifies the species of food fish or shellfish in a specified manner; prohibiting a person from knowingly misidentifying the species of specified food fish or shellfish on a label, sign, or menu; prohibiting a person from knowingly selling or offering for sale within the State specified crab products identified as “blue crab” except under specified conditions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

NR, §§ 4-11F-01 through 4-11F-07 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 558 Senator Lee, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND FACTORY BRANCHES – RELATIONSHIP WITH DEALERS**

Requiring a manufacturer to make specified payments to dealers relating to benefits, incentives, and rebates; prohibiting manufacturers, distributors, and factory branches from taking specified coercive, punitive, and retaliatory actions against dealers; altering requirements relating to the transfer of franchises and the payment of claims made by dealers; increasing from \$50,000 to \$500,000 the maximum fine for specified violations committed by manufacturers, distributors, and factory branches; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR §§ 15-207(h)(1) and (k), 15-210, 15-211(e), 15-212(c) and (d), and 15-213 - amended and §§ 15-207(l) and 15-207.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 559 Senator Lee, et al****VEHICLE LAW – DEALERS’ FACILITIES – INTERNET LOCATIONS**

Defining “dealer’s facility” and “dealership facility” to include any Internet location where a dealer conducts the business authorized by its license, for purposes of specified prohibitions on the coercion of motor vehicle dealers by motor vehicle manufacturers, distributors, and factory branches.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 15-207(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 560**     **Senator Peters****EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM – ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS – OPTIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Providing that membership in the Employees' Pension System is optional for specified officials who are elected or appointed for a fixed term; providing that specified individuals' election or failure to elect to join the Employees' Pension System is a one-time, irrevocable decision; simplifying and clarifying specified provisions of law regarding mandatory and optional membership of employees of participating governmental units in the Employees' Pension System; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SP, §§ 21-305.3(a)(3), 23-201(a) and (b), 23-204, 31-111.4(a), 31-111.8(a), and 31-113(b)(1)(iii) and (d)(1)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED *February 6, 2015*****SJ 3**     **Senator Lee, et al****HONORING THE SURVIVING HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS OF ASIA AND THE PACIFIC ISLANDS DURING WORLD WAR II**

Extending the profound hope of the General Assembly of Maryland that the historical record of the crimes against the “ianfu” or “comfort women” of World War II will serve as a lasting reminder to the world that crimes against humanity will not be condoned or tolerated; and providing that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to specified individuals.

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs